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Honorable William J. Casey
Director
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Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

This is in response to your recent letter regarding the Department of Agriculture's participation in the collection of narcotics intelligence.

The Department of Agriculture shares the President's view that the collection of information on international narcotics should be assigned the highest priority. While not part of the National Foreign Intelligence Program, the Department stands prepared to act as a supporting collector by providing complementary intelligence as resources and opportunities permit.

Basically, I believe this can best be accomplished by making sure the primary collector is kept regularly and fully informed on the broad spectrum of agricultural intelligence collected in problem countries in connection with our primary mission of promoting U.S. agricultural trade interests. The methods used would include providing copies of all regular and pertinent agricultural reports, contributing our agricultural expertise in all appropriate meetings and planning sessions, and occasional special efforts within our resource capabilities.

The Department of Agriculture's intelligence network covers all countries where agricultural products are of significance in world production and trade. All Agricultural Counselors and Attaches assigned to these countries function as an integral part of the Mission and work in close harmony with other Mission officers.

I assure you that Department of Agriculture employees in problem countries will continue to strongly support the U.S. Government's narcotics intelligence collection strategy.

Sincerely,

DANIEL G. AMSTUTZ
Acting Secretary

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